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Application of: Higgins et al.  
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 For: Surface Covering  
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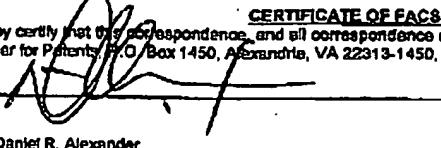
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**Amendment "B"**

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2006, Applicants submit the attached Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.

Applicants respectfully believe the application to be in condition for allowance.

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